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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A pair of nucleic acid probes [of] having comparable size, [each preferably being] said size being selected from the group consisting of from 1 to 100 kb, [more preferably each being] from 1 to 10 kb, [or] 7 to 15 kb, [or] 10 to 20 kb, [or] 10 to 30 kb, [or] 20 to 40 kb, [or] 30 to 50 kb, [or] 40 to 60 kb, [or] 50 to 70 kb, [or] 60 to 80 kb, [or] 70 to 90 kb, [or] and 80 to 100 kb, and flanking a potential breakpoint in a chromosome, each said probe being labelled with at least one different reporter molecule.

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